

Weekly Column for April 3, 2008

Make it three weeks in a row! It's that time of year again- time to fish.

The 3rd Annual Striped Bass Fishing Tournament is just four weeks away, and the coveted spots in the tournament are filling up quickly.

This is one of the most exciting events we hold each year, with hundreds of fishermen coming from all over the world to participate in the striper tournament. Each spring, more people than you can imagine call the Hudson River one of the finest striper destinations in the entire world, and three years ago, a group of people got together to make sure something was done about it, where Troy could capitalize on the annual natural phenomenon. The first year it was a great success, and last year, we nearly doubled the amount of entries on a bright, sunny day. At least it was bright and sunny in my memory.

This year we aim to top it all. Set to take place on Sunday, May 4th from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Brian Gilchrist at the Ale House and former Troy Firefighter Gary Favro, the main organizers of the tournament, believe that first prize could reach more than \$4,500.

All for catching a giant fish in the Hudson River!

The Tournament will be held rain or shine and is open to everyone except tournament staff. Shore fishing is also permissible. Registration is just \$60 per person. If you are competing in a boat, all occupants of the boat must be registered in the contest.

For more information download the [registration form](#) here or pick up a form at the Ale House located at 680 River Street (518) 272-9740.

After the event the City will once again host a Block Party outside the Ale House, where the winners will be presented their prize money and trophy's. If you want to see some happy people, this is the spot to be on May 4th at 4 p.m.

We obviously could not get this tournament and block party done without the help of the Ale House, Gary, and a host of other sponsors, including: Bass Pro Shops, Conroy Bait Supply, Elf Boat Docks, the Troy Uniformed Firefighters Association, the Troy Police Benevolent Association, UPSEU, Snyder Printing, Forever Young Health Club, CW Whalen Tent and Awnings, Weighing and Systems Technology, and P. Quinn Printing.

A great debt of gratitude goes out to all involved. For more information on the tournament, please visit www.troyny.gov/visittroy/fishingtournament.html

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

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